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AMC's Technology Demonstration Day shows latest advances

The Army Materiel Command's Research, Development and Engineering Command recently sponsored a technology demonstration to highlight some of its latest research and development efforts supporting warfighters in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The demonstration, which took place in front of headquarters AMC, included the latest in vehicle armor, technology, alternative energy vehicles, and Soldier protection.

"This is a great opportunity for Soldiers, acquisition and logistics officials to touch and see the equipment and technology used to protect and assist the warfighter," said Paul Mehney, communications officer for Tank Automotive Research, Development and Engineering Center. "We're always working to improve vehicle safety and survivability to ensure Soldiers have the best equipment available."

The demonstration also included Army Research Lab's latest developments with add-on armor kits to improve the safety of Soldiers using military vehicles. The kit is a poly/steel/glass design with a polyurethane outer layer and a high-hard steel middle layer and a composite inner layer.

Tobyhanna computer repair center opens in Afghanistan

The Army Materiel Command recently opened its second repair and maintenance shop in Afghanistan for computers and computer hardware with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Kabul. The first facility was established in Bagram.

The shop repairs logistics systems, such as the Unit Level Logistics System and Standard Army Retail Supply System along with printers, monitors, laptops and desktop computers.

"With this new center now in operation, Soldiers won't be put at risk by transferring inoperable equipment all the way to Bagram," said Terry P. Grissett, manager of the Communications-Electronics Life Cycle Management Command, Electronic Sustainment Support Center in Arifjan, Kuwait.

Closer Look: AMCOM LCMC civilian leader program

Under the guidance of the Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command's G-1, command employees have assembled together to form "Tomorrow's Army Civilian Leaders" as a way to develop a successor workforce fully prepared to support the joint warfighter.

The leaders include recruiting and training Department of the Army and local interns, AMC fellows, and Student Career Experience Program employees, which are all key elements in sustaining a workforce to meet the future needs of AMCOM LCMC.

For the past year, TACL has sponsored quarterly seminars to promote a sense of collegiality among peers by providing a forum where they can share needs and discuss issues that cross all career programs. AMCOM LCMC executives and senior managers serve as guest speakers and provide lessons-learned and career development guidance to TACL members.

In addition to the quarterly seminars, the committee has planned other supplemental activities designed to enhance the overall intern experience, including training and staff rides with leadership to Warner-Robbins Air Force Base, a tour of the Ordnance Munitions and Electronic Maintenance School's 59th Ordnance Brigade, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Hazardous Devices School, which are also located at Redstone Arsenal, Ala.